



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Arbor Day Proclamation
MEETING DATE: March 17, 2010
PREPARED BY: Interim Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Katzakian make a presentation proclaiming April 9, 2010, as Arbor Day in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff would like to invite the City Council and members of the community to the Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 9, 2010, at Lawrence School. Participants will be provided tree, mistletoe and recycling education. Tree seedlings, spring cleanup materials and refreshments will be available. Additionally, the participants will be invited to help plant seven new donated trees. This year's celebration is being organized and funded through a group effort from the Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Electric Utility Departments; Tree Lodi; Lodi Improvement Committee; Waste Management; Lodi Unified School District; Wal-Mart and the Lodi Arts Commission.

Arbor Day's Beginnings

On January 4, 1872, Julius Sterling Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday, to be called "Arbor Day," at a meeting of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. It was estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by Nebraska Governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day became a legal holiday in Nebraska, and April 22nd, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance. During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Arbor Day is now observed in many other countries.

Lodi received the "Tree City USA designation for an eighth consecutive year. This designation affords the City preference over other communities for grant money for trees or forestry programs. It also enhances the City's public image as a community that cares about its trees.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

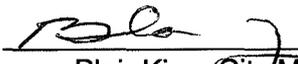
FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable


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Keep Lodi Beautiful Arbor Day 2010

*Friday, April 9, 2010
Lawrence School*

10 AM - 11:30 AM

- Free Seedling Giveaway — Donated by Lodi Electric Utility
 - Mistletoe Education
 - Tree City USA Dedication
 - Spring Cleanup Materials Available
- Tree & Recycling Educational Material Giveaway
 - Arbor Day Dedication & Tree Planting

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